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Sir:

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Responsive to the Official Action dated June 24, 1997 (for which petition is hereby made for a three month extension of time), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before line one insert: -- This application is a 35 U.S.C. 371 of

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Page 4, lines 2 and 3:

replace "in published patent application WO

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